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1 — EPA: Dig Up San Jacinto Waste Pits, Baytown (Tx) Sun, 10/12/17

http://baytownsun.com/news/article_76b2c5a4-aef2-11e7-a702-376c4eed43a9.html

After years of fighting for removal of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits, environmental activists and residents can breathe a little easier now knowing they are one step closer to getting the pits removed, as the Environmental Protection Agency approved just that Wednesday.

2 — EPA OKs plan to rid toxics from waste pits, Houston Chronicle, 10/12/17

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/EPA-OKs-plan-to-rid-toxics-from-waste-pits-12271520.php>

The Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday approved a plan to permanently remove tons of toxics from the San Jacinto Waste Pits - a Superfund site that was heavily flooded and began to leak cancer-causing dioxin into the river after Hurricane Harvey.

3 — Following Obama-Era Guidance, EPA Orders San Jacinto Waste Pits Removed, Houston Press, 10/12/17

<http://www.houstonpress.com/news/epa-opts-to-remove-dioxin-filled-san-jacinto-waste-pits-9868203>

With three days to go before the football game between Oklahoma University and University of Texas, the deadline Pruitt set when he visited the San Jacinto Waste Pits and other Houston-area sites after Hurricane Harvey rolled through town last month, and the EPA has indeed made a decision on the fate of the pits.

4 — Oil producers float their own ideas to clean up Bird Creek at EPA hearing, Tulsa World, 10/12/17

http://www.tulsaworld.com/homepagelatest/oil-producers-float-their-own-ideas-to-clean-up-bird/article_fb2c637-fb22-5f00-b238-a71cb902de43.html

Pump it out, flush it and then see what happens: That's how to get to the bottom of the Bird Creek mystery saline spill, according to presentations from oil producers Wednesday at a Environmental Protection Agency public hearing in Tulsa.

5 — Repairs to ruptured crude oil line near Cushing expected to be completed Wednesday, Tulsa World, 10/11/17

http://www.tulsaworld.com/homepagelatest/repairs-to-ruptured-crude-oil-line-near-cushing-expected-to/article_9985846c-c3b6-542a-b62c-fe472e465049.html

Repairs to a 16-inch crude oil pipeline that was ruptured by a construction crew near Cushing were expected to be completed Wednesday, a company spokesman said. However, the amount of oil that spilled is still not known.

6 — Clean Power Plan repeal likely will have little effect in Oklahoma, The Oklahoman, 10/12/17

<http://newsok.com/clean-power-plan-repeal-likely-will-have-little-effect-in-oklahoma/article/5567369>

The Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to repeal the Clean Power Plan likely will have little effect on Oklahoma, the state's largest utility companies said Monday.

7 — Industry Reacts to Clean Power Plan Repeal, Product Design & Development, 10/12/17

<https://www.pddnet.com/news/2017/10/industry-reacts-clean-power-plan-repeal>

At an event on Monday meant to encourage an end to “the war on coal,” Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt announced plans to roll back the Obama-era Clean Power Plan, beginning a long pivot in an industry where many companies are already committed to alternate energy sources.

8 — Failures of floating-roof oil tanks during Harvey raise concerns, Houston Chronicle, 10/12/17

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/energy/article/Failures-of-floating-roof-tanks-during-Harvey-12269513.php>

As Hurricane Harvey swept across the Houston area, torrential waves of rain built on top of crude oil storage tanks at Valero Energy's Houston refinery, causing one of the roofs that float atop the oil to flip almost on its side and release more than 235,000 pounds of toxic vapors and other pollutants into the atmosphere.

9 — Trump's pro-coal agenda is a blow for clean air efforts at Texas' Big Bend park, The Guardian, 10/12/17

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/oct/11/trumps-pro-coal-agenda-is-a-blow-for-clean-air-efforts-at-texas-big-bend-park>

Big Bend national park is Texas at its most cinematic. It is also among the most remote places in the state. So far from anywhere, it might seem an unlikely location to be scarred by air pollution. Yet for decades its stunning vistas have been compromised by poor air quality that Texas, working with the federal EPA, is supposed to address.

10 — Five of six Rio Grande dams have ‘urgent’ safety concerns, San Antonio Express-News, 10/12/17

<http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/Five-of-six-Rio-Grande-dams-have-urgent-12270941.php>

A five-year safety study of dams along the U.S.-Mexico border done at the behest of the International Boundary and Water Commission has revealed disturbing conditions.

11 — EDITORIAL: As climate changes, San Antonio gets hotter, San Antonio Express-News, 10/12/17

<http://www.expressnews.com/opinion/editorials/article/As-climate-changes-San-Antonio-gets-hotter-12271039.php>

San Antonio is not immune from climate change. As the Earth has warmed over the past century, San Antonio has warmed right along with it. Since the 1880s, temperatures in the Alamo City have risen about 2.4 degrees, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has reported.

12 — Board grants OKC permit for Kiamichi water, The Oklahoman, 10/12/17

<http://newsok.com/board-grants-okc-permit-for-kiamichi-water/article/5567678>

Oklahoma City is closer to securing water needed to sustain long-term growth — but a decision to grant a permit for southeastern Oklahoma water did not sit well with some residents of the region.